

**State of Vermont**  
**Executive Department**  
**A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, an estimated 20 million American workers use respirators every day to protect against potential job hazards - from doctors and nurses to firefighters, first-responders, coal miners, and agriculture workers; and

**WHEREAS**, many of these workers depend on particulate filtering facepiece respirators when working in environments with hazardous airborne particles; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is the federal agency responsible for testing and approving personal protective equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, NIOSH has established N95 Day to emphasize the importance of properly using NIOSH-approved N95 filtering facepiece respirators; and

**WHEREAS**, NIOSH-approved N95 filtering facepiece respirators filter 95% of particles and significantly reduce the wearer's risk of inhaling hazardous airborne particles from dangerous chemicals, dust, metal fumes and many infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the most effective emergency preparedness is proper use every day;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim September 6, 2016 as

**N95 DAY**

in Vermont.



Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State  
of Vermont this 4th day of August, A.D. 2016.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor